(c) and (d) Precise information as asked for is not available.

(e) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present

Seizure of Gold at Madras Airport

52. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Customs officials posted at Madras Airport seized 28 Kgs. of gold from a Singapore national on the 22nd June, 1985; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The seizure of 28 Kgs. of gold from Singapore national referred to in the question was made on 25th May, 1985 and not on 22nd June, 1985.

On 25th May, 1985, the officers of Customs Collectorate, Madras, intercepted a Singapore national Shri R. Raman who had arrived from Singapore by Air India flight No. AI-415. On examination of one of his suitcases, 28 pieces of gold bars with foreign markings weighing 1 kg. each were found concealed among the nine bundles of readymade garments. Gold weighing 28 kgs. valued at Rs. 63.14 lakhs was seized under the Customs Act. Shri Raman was arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

Export of wheat to Pakistan

53. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export wheat to Pakistan during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) No contract has so far been entered into for export of wheat to Pakistan during the current financial year.

Bank Robberies

54. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was total number of bank robberies in the country during the first quarter of 1985:

(b) what is the number of bank robberies during the corresponding preiod of 1984;

(c) what are the names of the banks where such robberies were committed and the amount involved; and

(d) whether any culprits have been apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The available information is given in the attached statement. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 3.]

(d) As per available information 41 persons have been apprehended.

55. [*Transferred to the 29th July*, 1985.]

Diamond Trade

56. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the diamond trade is being virtually controlled by International Monopoly Houses; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government to protect the Indian exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Diamond Trading Company controls substantial part of international mining and marketing of rough diamonds. There is no such trading company for cut and polished diamonds.